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AMENDMENT

In response to the Office Action mailed May 10, 2002, Applicant responds and amends as follows:

In the specification:

Summary of the Invention

Please delete paragraphs [0013] – [0024] ✓

Please replace paragraphs [0011] and [0012] with the following rewritten paragraphs:

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What is advantageous according to the present invention is firstly that a modification of the characteristics of the double confocal illumination, the detected contributions that result from the